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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6978

INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY MANAMA

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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KUWAIT PASS DOHA AND MUSCAT

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: LORD BALNIEL'S VISIT TO GULF STATES

1. AS DEPT. PROBABLY AWARE, FCO MINISTER OF STATE LORD BALNIEL LEFT EVENING JANUARY 9 ON TOUR OF GULF, RETURNING JANUARY 23. HE IS VISITING OMAN, ABU DHABI AND DUBAI, QATAR, BAHRAIN, AND KUWAIT IN THAT ORDER. FCO ME DEPT HEAD WRIGHT IS ACCOMPANYING HIM.

2. ON JANUARY 9 ASST. UNDERSECRETARY PARSONS ASSURED US ONCE AGAIN THAT, CONTRARY TO SOME PRESS SPECULATION, BALNIEL'S MISSION DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY SPECIAL EFFORT RELATED TO OIL. BALNIEL IS FOLLOWING PROGRAM ORIGINALLY SET UP FOR FORMER FCO MINSTATE GODBER AND INTERRUPTED BY ME WAR. BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WAS INSTRUCTED
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LAST WEEK TO PROVIDE DEPARTMENT A BRIEFING ON PURPOSES OF

BALNIEL'S VISIT.

3. ASST. UNDERSECRETARY TAYLOR ADVISED IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH ENERGY ATTACHE, HOWEVER, THAT OIL INEVITABLY WILL BE DISCUSSED, ALTHOUGH BALNIEL TRIP WAS INTENDED TO FOCUS ON DEFENSE AND SECURITY OF GULF.

4. COMMENT: BRITISH HAVE BEEN INTERESTED IN OBTAINING "GUARANTEED" SUPPLIES OF OIL FROM KUWAIT, ABU DHABI AND POSSIBLY QATAR AS WELL AS SAUDI ARABIA.

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